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SUBJ: SYG CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET PERM REP

1. 10:20 PM SYG CALLED BENNETT TO SAY HE HAD JUST FINISHED POST-SC MEETING CONVERSATION WITH NEWLY RETURNED MALIK. HE HAD IMPRESSION MALIK RATHER EMBARRASSED OVER HIS VETO, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE REALIZED THERE WERE 12 VOTES IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION INCLUDING ALL NON-ALIGNED. SINCE MALIK ARRIVED IN SC CHAMBER DIRECT FROM AIRPORT, HE WAS NOT UP TO DATE ON STRENGTH OF SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION. HE KEPT INSISTING TO WALDHEIM HE HAD VETOED ON PROCEDURAL RATHER THAN ON SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS. WALDHEIM IS OPTIMISTIC, AS IS UK'S RICHARD, THAT WE CAN GET SUBSTANTIALY SAME RESOLUTION IN AUGUST 1 MEETING. (FRENCH AMB. ON OTHER HAND FEELS THAT MALIK MAY BE PREPARED RAISE COMPOSITION OF FORCES AND OTHER CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES BEFORE WE GET TO A RESOLUTION.) MALIK AGREED TO MORNING RATHER THAN AFTERNOON MEETING IN ORDER ENABLE WALDHEIM CARRY OUT HIS PLAN TO DEPART FOR PORTUGAL EVENING AUGUST 1.

2. MALIK TOOK POSITION WITH WALDHEIM HE NEEDED NEW
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AUTHORITY FOR UNFICYP. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD ARGUED

WITH MALIK THAT IT BETTER NOT TO HAVE A NEW MANDATE (MIRABILE DICTU IN VIEW OF HIS PERFORMANCE ON JULY 31 AND PROCEEDING DAYS). HE SAID HE HAD ARGUED WITH MALIK THAT IMPORTANT THING NOW WAS TO STOP THE FIGHTING AND TO GET UNFICYP IN POSITION IN VIEW OF CONTINUING ENCROACHMENTS OF TURKISH TROOPS. HE THOUGHT MALIK AGREED WITH HIM.

3. BENNETT ASKED WALDHEIM'S OPINION WHETHER MALIK WOULD BE LIKELY RAISE COMPOSITION OF FORCES OR OTHER CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. WALDHEIM DID NOT BELIEVE MALIK WOULD DO IT AT AUGUST 1 MEETING SINCE HE THOUGHT HE HAD PERSUADED MALIK OF NEED FOR URGENT ACTION TO STOP THE FIGHTING. ON MALIK'S INQUIRY, WALDHEIM TOLD HIM IDEA OF SPECIAL MISSION TO CYPRUS WAS DEAD AND WOULD NOT BE APPROVED BY SC MEMBERSHIP. MALIK'S DEPUTY SAFRONCHUK AGREED.

4. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE MALIK WILL NOT CONTINUE IN TROUBLE MAKING MOOD NOW THAT HE IS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR AUGUST. AS SC PRESIDENT IN PAST, MALIK HAS BEEN UNINHIBITEDLY PARTISAN IN WIELDING GAVEL, AND THERE IS NO REASON TO THINK HE WILL NOT BE SO THIS TIME.
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